

STATE OF TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

COMMISSIONERS COURT

BE IT KNOWN that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, met in Regular Session at the Johnson County Courthouse thereof, in the City of Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Following the Invocation led by County Judge, Roger Harmon and the Pledge of Allegiance, the following items, having been lawfully posted and filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk on September 22, 2022, at 1:11 P.M., were considered:

**IV. WELCOME VISITORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS**

County Judge, Roger Harmon welcomed Dr. Kendal Crowns and Chandler Merritt of the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

**VII. PRECEDING BUSINESS**

9. CONSIDERATION OF ORDER #2022-75 – “ORDER APPROVING THE JOHNSON COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DISTRICT AGREEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2023”

Dr. Crowns addressed the Court.

Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Woolley, made a motion to approve **Order #2022-75 – “Order Approving the Johnson County Medical Examiner District Agreement Fiscal Year 2023”**.

All voted aye; motion carried.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING**

The Commissioners Court opened a Public Hearing at 9:06 A.M. to discuss:

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2022 TAX RATE

There being no one from the Public who wished to speak, Judge Harmon turned the discussion over to the Court.

There was no comment from the Court.

There being no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:07 A.M.

The Commissioners Court opened a Public Hearing at 9:07 A.M. to discuss:

2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY CLERK'S PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND RECORDS ARCHIVE PLAN THROUGH FY 2022-2023

There being no one from the Public who wished to speak, Judge Harmon turned the discussion over to Johnson County Clerk, Becky Ivey.

Johnson County Clerk, Becky Ivey noted that the plan has to be submitted and approved by the Commissioners Court annually in order to spend Record Archive Funds.

There being no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:08 A.M.

The Commissioners Court opened a Public Hearing at 9:08 A.M. to discuss:

3. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDER ESTABLISHING SETBACK LINES ON THE PUBLIC ROADS IN JOHNSON COUNTY, INCLUDING MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND ROADS, AND DESIGNATE THE PUBLIC ROADS THAT ARE MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND ROADS IN JOHNSON COUNTY

There being no one from the Public who wished to speak, Judge Harmon turned the discussion over to Public Works Director, Jennifer VanderLaan.

Public Works Director, Jennifer VanderLaan commented that this would apply to properties that don't necessarily fall within the County's platting jurisdiction.

Comm. Bailey commented that this falls in line with the getting the County's Subdivision Rules where they need to be.

There being no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:09 A.M.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**VII. PRECEDING BUSINESS**

1. **CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR THE 2022 TAX YEAR**

Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Woolley, made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.415000, which is effectively a 10.55 percent increase in the tax rate.

The Members of the Court commented about the Budget, Tax Rate and the work it took to construct the Budget.

County Judge, Roger Harmon	nay
Comm. Bailey	aye
Comm. Howell	aye
Comm. White	aye
Comm. Woolley	aye

Motion carried.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ORDER #2022-71 – “ORDER SETTING TAX RATE FOR THE COUNTY OF JOHNSON FOR THE 2022 TAX YEAR AND DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF”

Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Woolley, made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.415000, which is effectively a 10.55 percent increase in the tax rate and to approve Order Number 2022-71 which sets forth the property tax rate for Johnson County at \$0.415000 per \$100 assessed valuation for the 2022 tax year and sets the General Fund M & O Tax Rate at \$0.361000 per \$100 assessed valuation, the Debt Service Tax Rate at \$0.007455 per \$100 assessed valuation, and the FMLR M & O Tax Rate at \$0.046545 per \$100 assessed valuation; as read from **Order #2022-71**.

Comm. Woolley commented that the half a cent the Judge was referring to was shifted over from the M & O Rate to the FMLR M & O, raising that rate from .041545 to 0.046545, to support the Road and Bridge Tax Rate which, the Court agreed, was at a non-sustainable level.

County Judge, Roger Harmon	nay
Comm. Bailey	aye
Comm. Howell	aye
Comm. White	aye
Comm. Woolley	aye

Motion carried.

Comm. Bailey left the Meeting at 9:20 A.M. and did not return.

Judge Harmon commented that Comm. Bailey had to leave to go to an important meeting in Fort Worth for the County.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT:

- a. August 22, 2022 – Regular Session
- b. September 6, 2022 – Special Session
- c. September 12, 2022 – Regular Session
- d. September 13, 2022 – Special Session

Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Woolley, made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Commissioners Court for August 22, 2022, September 6, 2022, September 12, 2022 and September 13, 2022 with the correction added on the September 12, 2022 Minutes.

All voted aye; motion carried.

4. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO PAY BILLS

Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve to pay bills as presented.

Judge Harmon commented for Court Record that Comm. Bailey had to leave to go to another meeting.

All voted aye; motion carried.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ORDER #2022-72 – “ORDER APPROVING THE JOHNSON COUNTY TREASURER’S REPORT” TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Howell, made a motion to approve **Order #2022-72 – “Order Approving the Johnson County Treasurer’s Report”** to the Commissioners Court.

All voted aye; motion carried.

Comm. Woolley commented that he received a message that the live feed was not working.

IT Director, Dan Milam responded that he had submitted a ticket and they were working on it.

Judge Harmon stated the Court would be fine to continue as the recording in the back (audio recording by the County Clerk) was still going.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ORDER #2022-73 – “APPROVAL OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY CLERK’S PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND RECORDS ARCHIVE PLAN THROUGH FY 2022-2023 AND APPROVAL OF THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID PLAN”- COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve **Order #2022-73 – “Approval of the Johnson County Clerk’s Preservation, Restoration and Records Archive Plan Through FY 2022-2023 and Approval of the Expenditure of Funds in Accordance with Said Plan”-County Clerk’s Office.**

All voted aye; motion carried.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ORDER #2022-74 – “ORDER APPROVING PLAT” OF MARCOS GUTIERREZ ADDITION, LOT 1, BLOCK 1, IN PRECINCT #3-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Howell, made a motion to approve **Order #2022-74 – “Order Approving Plat” of Marcos Gutierrez Addition, Lot 1, Block 1, in Precinct #3-Public Works Department.**

All voted aye; motion carried.

Comm. Woolley asked if the lot was less than one (1) acre.

Comm. White commented that that was the same question he had earlier, but with the right-of-way, it is over an acre.

Public Works Director, Jennifer VanderLaan commented the lot was 1.01 and gross, it was over an acre.

Comm. Woolley commented that he thought the Court looked at net acreage.

Public Works Director, Jennifer VanderLaan responded that the our (the County's) language does not specify net over gross, and the lot is 1.0104 acres.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ORDER #2022-65 – “ORDER ESTABLISHING BUILDING AND SETBACK LINES OF JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS”- PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve Order #2022-65 – “Order Establishing Building and Setback Lines of Johnson County, Texas” with the correction that Comm. Bailey is not present-Public Works Department.

All voted aye; motion carried.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

2. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST BY CLEBURNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PAY THE COURTHOUSE PORTION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,750.00 TO PROVIDE, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND THE PROMPT TAKEDOWN OF LIGHTS-COUNTY JUDGE’S OFFICE

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve the Request by Cleburne Chamber of Commerce to Pay the Courthouse Portion of Christmas Lights in the Amount of \$6,750.00 to Provide, Install, Maintain and the Prompt Takedown of Lights-County Judge’s Office.

Judge Harmon commented that there was a line item for County Functions and the money could come out of that.

The Court briefly continued their discussion.

All voted aye; motion carried.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **CONSIDERATION OF UPDATES ON JOHNSON COUNTY REMODELING PROJECTS:**

- a. Burleson Sub-Courthouse Building Remodel

No Action.

Comm. Woolley stepped out of the Meeting at 9:42 A.M. and returned at 9:44 A.M.

- b. Portion of Johnson County Sheriff's Administration Building Remodel

No Action.

2. **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS AND PROJECTS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING:**

- a. Answer International

Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve the Proposals and Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Answer International and to give County Judge, Roger Harmon the authorization to sign.

All voted aye; motion carried.

- b. Johnson County Campus Crime Stoppers

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Howell, made a motion to approve the Proposals and Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Johnson County Campus Crime Stoppers and to give County Judge, Roger Harmon the authorization to sign.

All voted aye; motion carried.



c. Johnson County Children's Advocacy Center

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve the Proposals and Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Johnson County Children's Advocacy Center and to give County Judge, Roger Harmon the authorization to sign.

All voted aye; motion carried.

d. Your Harvest House

Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve the Proposals and Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Your Harvest House and to give County Judge, Roger Harmon the authorization to sign.

All voted aye; motion carried.

e. Johnson County Family Crisis Center

Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Woolley, made a motion to approve the Proposals and Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Johnson County Family Crisis Center and to give County Judge, Roger Harmon the authorization to sign.

All voted aye; motion carried.

f. CASA of Johnson County, Inc.

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve the Proposals and Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for CASA of Johnson County, Inc. and to give County Judge, Roger Harmon the authorization to sign.

All voted aye; motion carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ARPA FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,000.00 FOR AN X-RAY MACHINE IN THE ADULT PROBATION BUILDING-PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Purchasing Agent, Ralph McBroom commented that the amount needed to be updated as \$33,000.00 was just an estimate, and the actual amount came to \$34,700.00.

Judge Harmon commented for Court Record that the amount is \$34,700.00.

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Howell, made a motion to approve ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$34,700.00 for an X-Ray Machine in the Adult Probation Building-Purchasing Department.

All voted aye; motion carried.

The Commissioners Court recessed the Meeting at 9:51 A.M. and reconvened at 10:12 A.M. to consider the following:

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. CONSIDERATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS/PROPOSALS

No Action.

3. CONSIDERATION OF 2023 SHERIFFS' AND CONSTABLES' FEES AS REQUIRED UNDER TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 118.131-CONSTABLE, PRECINCT #4

Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Howell, made a motion to approve the 2023 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees as Required Under Texas Local Government Code Section 118.131 as presented with the only change from the previous year being an increase from \$175.00 to \$195.00 for Writs and Orders-Constable, Precinct #4.

All voted aye; motion carried.

4. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION “APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE JOHNSON COUNTY BALLISTIC SHIELD PROGRAM TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR” FOR 100% GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$145,500.00-CONSTABLE, PCT. #4

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve the Resolution “Approval of Submission of the Grant Application for the Johnson County Ballistic Shield Program to the Office of the Governor” for 100% Grant Funding in the Amount of \$145,500.00-Constable, Pct. #4.

All voted aye; motion carried.

5. CONSIDERATION OF VARIANCE TO LIFT GROUNDWATER ACCESSIBILITY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR WILSON ADDITION, A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OF TWO LOTS, TO BE SERVED BY PRIVATE WATER WELLS IN PRECINCT #4-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Howell, made a motion to approve the Variance to Lift Groundwater Accessibility Certification Requirement for **Wilson Addition**, a Proposed Subdivision of Two Lots, to be Served by Private Water Wells in Precinct #4 with the stipulation that in the event the 10-acre tract were to be developed at some point, the variance would have to be reconsidered at that point in time-Public Works Department.

All voted aye; motion carried.

6. CONSIDERATION OF VARIANCE TO LIFT GROUNDWATER ACCESSIBILITY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR MARTIN CREEK PHASE II, A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OF TWO LOTS, TO BE SERVED BY PRIVATE WATER WELLS IN PRECINCT #1-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Woolley, made a motion to approve the Variance to Lift Groundwater Accessibility Certification Requirement for **Martin Creek Phase II**, a Proposed Subdivision of Two Lots, to be Served by Private Water Wells in Precinct #1 only on the two 5-acre tracts that the County has the survey of and if there is any further division of those, the variance would have to be looked at again during the next platting process-Public Works Department.

All voted aye; motion carried.

8. CONSIDERATION TO DECLARE ASSET 13235 SMITH HEIMANN 6040D X-RAY UNIT AS SALVAGE PROPERTY AND DISPOSE OF PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 263-PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Howell, made a motion to approve to Declare Asset 13235 Smith Heimann 6040d X-Ray Unit as Salvage Property and Dispose of Pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 263-Purchasing Department.

All voted aye; motion carried.

7. CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL OF RFP 2021-405 UNIFORMS FOR JOHNSON COUNTY CORRECTIONS CENTER EMPLOYEES WITH JUST RIGHT PRODUCTS AT CURRENT PRICING-PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve the Renewal of **RFP 2021-405** Uniforms for Johnson County Corrections Center Employees with Just Right Products at Current Pricing-Purchasing Department.

All voted aye; motion carried.

9. CONSIDERATION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO OCCUPY SUITE 312 IN THE ANNEX BUILDING (1 MAIN ST.)-FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

The Commissioners Court recessed at 10:44 A.M. in order to allow Comm. Woolley and Comm. White to go across the street to look at the Annex Building layout.

The Commissioners Court reconvened at 11:11 A.M. to consider the following:

Judge Harmon commented that the Court would come back to this item.

10. CONSIDERATION OF PRECINCT 3 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FURNISHING ROAD REPAIR MATERIAL TO CITY OF ALVARADO-PRECINCT #3

Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Howell, made a motion to approve the Precinct 3 Interlocal Agreement for Furnishing Road Repair Material to City of Alvarado and to give County Judge, Roger Harmon the authorization to sign-Precinct #3.

All voted aye; motion carried.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022:

a. Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve the Amendment to Communications System Agreement Effective October 1, 2022 with the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas and to give County Judge, Roger Harmon the authorization to sign.

All voted aye; motion carried.

b. Johnson County Emergency Service District No. 1

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve the Amendment to Communications System Agreement Effective October 1, 2022 with the Johnson County Emergency Service District No. 1 and to give County Judge, Roger Harmon the authorization to sign.

All voted aye; motion carried.

12. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATING ENTITY SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICE (SAVNS) AGREEMENT (ADJUNCT TO SAVNS/VINE AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE)-COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve the Participating Entity Services Agreement for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) Agreement (Adjunct to SAVNS/VINE Agreement with Texas Attorney General's Office) and to give County Judge, Roger Harmon the authorization to sign-County Judge's Office.

All voted aye; motion carried.

13. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF JAMES CAMP, GRANDVIEW FIRE CHIEF AS FIRE MARSHAL FOR THE BIG RANCH PROMOTIONS, LLC EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30, 2022 AT 5224 CR 417, CLEBURNE, TEXAS-COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm Howell, made a motion to approve the Appointment of James Camp, Grandview Fire Chief as Fire Marshal for the Big Ranch Promotions, LLC Event to be Held on October 30, 2022 at 5224 CR 417, Cleburne, Texas-County Judge's Office.

All voted aye; motion carried.

14. CONSIDERATION OF TAX RATE WORKSHOP ITEMS

No Action.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Howell, made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

All voted aye; motion carried.

XI. WORKSHOP

The Commissioners Court convened into Workshop Session at 11:29 A.M. to discuss: 1. Consultation with GrantWorks Regarding Proposals and Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding.

The Commissioners Court reconvened into Regular Session at 11:39 A.M. to consider the following:

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. CONSIDERATION OF ARPA WORKSHOP ITEMS

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. White, made a motion to approve the invoice from Halff Associates, Inc. and to pay it with ARPA Funds as part of the Guinn generator project.

All voted aye; motion carried.

Sheriff, Adam King gave the Court an update about the vehicles purchased for the Sheriff's Office.

9. CONSIDERATION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO OCCUPY SUITE 312 IN THE ANNEX BUILDING (1 MAIN ST.)-FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Judge Harmon commented that there would be no action on this item.

Comm. Woolley announced Judge Bridewell's Retirement Reception was scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. in his Courtroom at the Guinn Justice Center.

County Attorney, Bill Moore announced Tiffany Strother' investiture is Monday, October 3, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.

There being no further business before the Court concerning this agenda, the Commissioners Court adjourned at 11:45 A.M.


Approved by:   
Roger Harmon, County Judge

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF JOHNSON §

I, Becky Ivey, Johnson County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for September 26, 2022.



**FILED & RECORDED**  
**October 24, 2022**  
**Commissioner Court Minutes**

  
Becky Ivey, County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioner's Court  
Johnson County, Texas